

A Collaborative Approach To Dealing With The Drug Crisis In The Allen County Criminal Justice System

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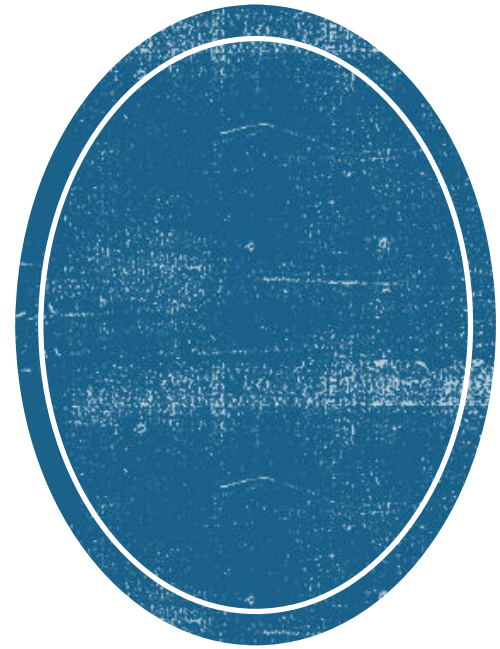
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THE PROBLEM

- Overall estimate of 60,000 individuals misusing opioids
- Estimated 6,000 – 10,000 intravenous drug users in Allen County
- Out of 3,287 offenders on felony probation, 2,113 (64.2%) are Level 6/D felony offenders, mostly drug offenses
- Most offenders have substance use problems, particularly heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana or alcohol



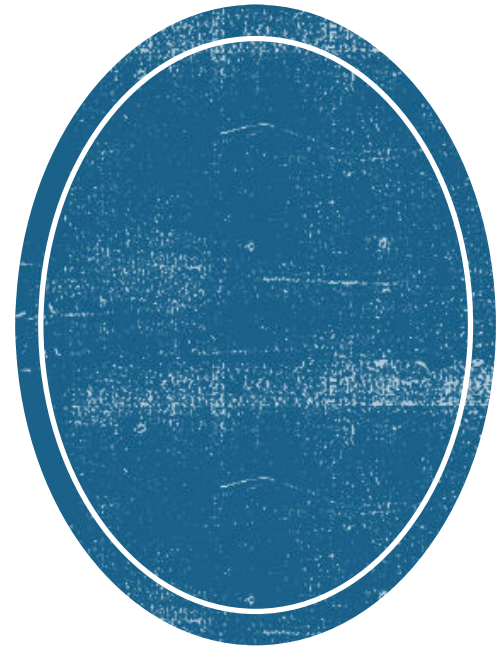
PURPOSE OF PILOT PROGRAM

- Criminal justice system flooded with first-time and repeat drug offenders
- Recommendation from Governor Pence's State Drug Task Force
- Sober living communities cannot meet demand
- Program enables Superior Court criminal judges to offer level 6 offenders detox, treatment, and recovery
- Residential treatment instead of jail (includes MAT)



A BABY AND A NEEDLE

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GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS

Substance abuse pilot program – Allen county

INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- SEA 510-2017 momentum
 - Strong, collaborative local effort
 - Recommendation from the Governor's Drug Task Force
 - Legislative champion – Sen. Jim Merritt
- Legislative Process
 - Legislative working group to discuss parameters of the bill
 - Reviewed multiple drafts of the bill
 - Testified before the Indiana General Assembly
 - CMHC, Local law enforcement, local government, community foundations
 - Discussions with Allen County legislative delegation
 - SEA 510-2017 passed both House and Senate unanimously



INDIVIDUALS SERVICED AND CAPACITY

- At least eighteen (18) years of age
- Must be charged with felony offense in Allen County
- Must be under the court ordered supervision of:
 - Allen County Community Corrections
 - Allen Superior Court Criminal Division Services
 - Allen County Adult Probation
- Local Government requirements
- Evaluation requirements



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY)

- Passed appropriate resolutions for the SEA 510 pilot
- Executed contracts with fiscal agent
- Liaison to various county departments
 - Department of Planning Services - zoning and planning
- Meeting facilitator among criminal justice and judicial branches
 - Allen County Community Corrections
 - Allen County Adult Probation
 - Allen County Superior & Circuit Courts

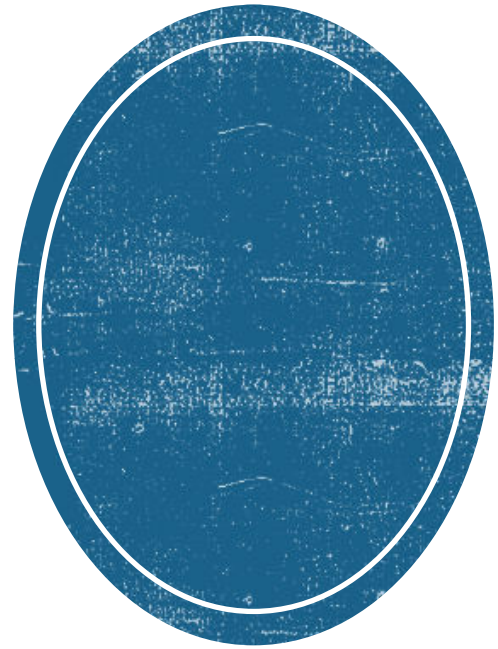


COUNTY COUNCIL (COUNTY FISCAL BODY)

- Fiscal partner at the local level
- Concerns include:
 - Jail overcrowding
 - Recidivism rates
 - Law enforcement / Emergency Personnel resources
 - Cost inmate medical costs
- \$500,000 appropriation in matching funds



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While the journey to develop residential beds in Allen County has encountered multiple detours related to zoning and financing challenges, the current plans are firm and moving ahead, resulting in the addition of 71 more residential beds in Allen County.



PARK CENTER ON CAREW STREET

- Fifteen (15) additional 3.5 level beds
- Both males and females



CHOICES ON SPY RUN AVE.

- Twenty (20) beds at 3.1 level for males
- A joint effort between Park Center and The Shepherd's House (SH)
- 8,000 square feet of what had been office space





CHOICES ON SPY RUN AVE.

- Twenty (20) residential recovery beds for males
- Adjacent to the 3.1 level location on Spy Run
- Beds will be operated by the SH



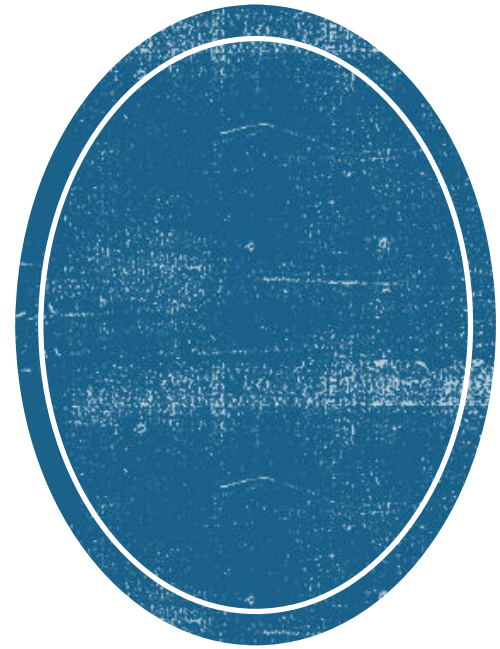


REDEMPTION HOUSE AT 426 E. WAYNE ST.

- Sixteen (16) residential recovery beds will be added at the transitional level of care in conjunction with the Redemption House



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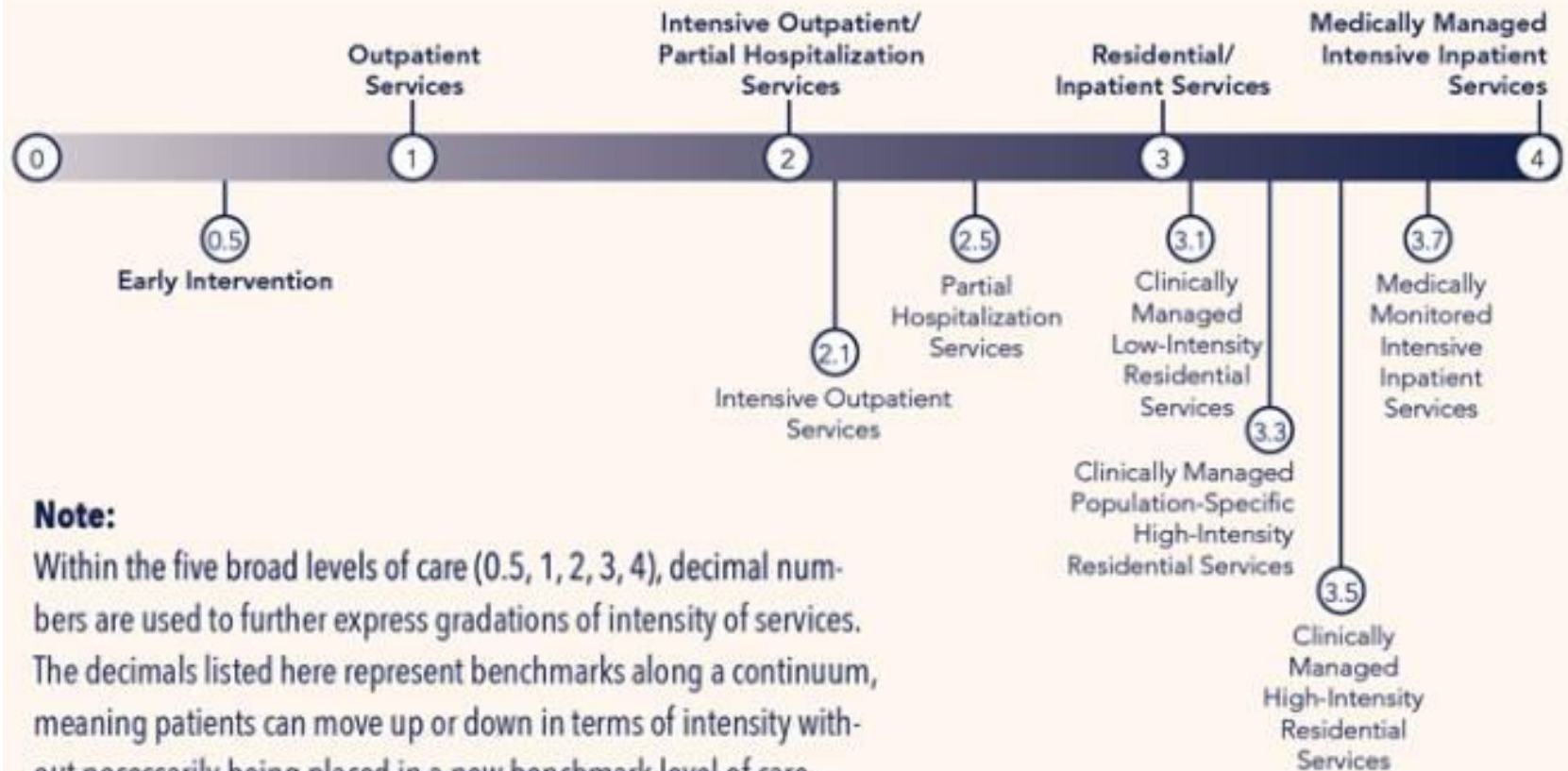


THE TREATMENT PART OF THE COLLABORATION

- Various levels of treatment
- Various levels of housing supports
- Heavy reliance on MAT
- Clinical staff as a part of the CJ team meetings
- Very tight handoffs (P.O. Drives client from jail to tx.)
- Routine feedback leads to system improvements



REFLECTING A CONTINUUM OF CARE



Note:

Within the five broad levels of care (0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4), decimal numbers are used to further express gradations of intensity of services. The decimals listed here represent benchmarks along a continuum, meaning patients can move up or down in terms of intensity without necessarily being placed in a new benchmark level of care.

ASAM LEVELS OF CARE

- 3.5 - We are adding 15 more beds to the current 15
- 3.1 - We are adding 20 beds
- Recovery Residence – We are adding 36 beds, 20 for men and 16 for women
- Ongoing OP tx. after residential level



LESSONS LEARNED

- Much harder than you think
 - WILL take longer than you anticipate
- Process to get there has been valuable
- Coalition trust gets you past hurdles
- Frank discussions are important



- Linkages between providers and criminal justice are critical
- NIMBY – zoning and variances
 - Lack of understanding of justice involved individuals
 - Politics
- Respect existing proven processes and stakeholders
- Expect shifts in funding

LESSONS LEARNED

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GETTING STARTED

- Local drug task force
 - CMHC
 - Judicial community
 - Criminal justice
 - Foundations and community partners
 - Local government representatives
- Find the most passionate people
- Private and public partnership for funding
 - Leverage state and federal dollars for ongoing sustainability
- Building off of existing resources
 - Recovery residences
- Adopt the Edison approach
 - “I have not failed, I have just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.”



SUMMARY

State funding plus the local match has allowed our county to significantly increase the capacity for treatment and residence recovery for those currently in our criminal justice system with substance abuse disorder and have a felony charge. The ultimate goal is to reduce recidivism in drug offenses and promote long-term sober living among the population.

We are on the way.



EVALUATION

Researchers from Indiana University Public Policy Institute and Center for Criminal Justice Research will partner to evaluate the Allen County Substance Abuse Pilot Program which created through Senate Enrolled Act 510. This will be a four year evaluation.

